

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 3517-01  
Bill No.: HB 1670  
Subject: Department of Conservation, Military Affairs  
Type: Original  
Date: March 30, 2004

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Conservation Commission	(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)	(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)	(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</b>	<b>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</b>	<b>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Missouri Veterans Commission, (VETS)** assume there were approximately 419,000 Wartime Veterans in Missouri as of September 30, 2003. VETS officials assume the proposal would have no direct impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety, Office of the Adjutant General,** and the **Office of Administration, Division of Budget and Planning,** assume this proposal would have no impact on their organizations.

ASSUMPTIONS (continued)

Officials from the **Missouri Department of Conservation** (MDC) assume this proposal would reduce revenues from hunting and fishing license sales by at least \$2,152,000 per year. MDC estimated the losses by using the Division of Veterans Affairs estimate of wartime veterans living in Missouri and deducted those over 65, who would already be eligible for free hunting and fishing licenses. MDC assumed this proposal would provide free to these qualified wartime veterans the lifetime hunting and fishing license which MDC could have otherwise sold to these veterans. MDC assumes a full year of lost revenue for FY 2005, since the proposal would become effective at a time in the license cycle when recipients of the free licenses would receive most of the benefits of the license. The MDC lifetime hunting and fishing license includes the trout and migratory bird season licenses but does not include deer and turkey season licenses, which are sold separately. If the intent of the proposal was to include free deer and turkey season licenses as well as the current lifetime license program, the lost license revenue would be significantly larger.

In addition, MDC stated that the lost license revenue could result in the loss of federal reimbursements from the federal wildlife and sport fishing restoration cost sharing programs. MDC stated the cost sharing program revenue losses have not been determined but could exceed the lost license revenue.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal would result in a reduction in revenues to the Conservation Commission Fund greater than \$2,152,000 each year, beginning in FY 2005.

**This proposal would reduce Total State Revenue.**

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005 (10 Mo.)	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>			
<u>Revenue reduction - Department of Conservation</u>	<u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u>	<u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>	<b><u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$2,152,000 to Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government

FY 2005  
(10 Mo.)

FY 2006

FY 2007

\$0

\$0

\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

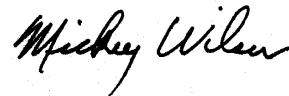
DESCRIPTION

This proposal would provide free lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to military personnel who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to all Missouri residents who are war veterans.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Administration  
Division of Budget and Planning  
Department of Conservation  
Department of Public Safety  
Division of Veterans Affairs  
Office of the Adjutant General



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